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My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

VERTEBRAL RETAINER-DISTRACTER AND METHOD OF USING SAME

the specification of which:

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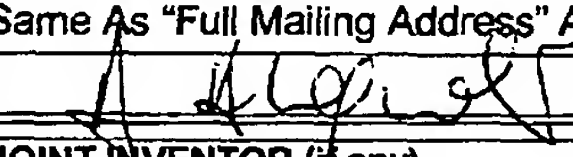
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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